

"If I am Elected, Union Labor Will Have No Complaint"

Geo. Puchta, Republican Candidate for Mayor, tells Committee of the Building Trades Council. James Albert Green, Chairman Court House Commission, Elected an Honorary Member of the Council Thursday Night.

The meeting of the Building Trades Council was called to order by Vice-President Fischer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Local Union No. 50, Brotherhood of Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators, in a communication, asked the council to assist them in getting the Park Board to use union painters on the work about to be done in the parks. The communication was received and adopted and the secretary will send the Park Board a letter on the subject.

A communication from Secretary Donnelly of the Ohio Federation of Labor, advising the Council that the Federation will go into court to fight the Taggart ruling on the workmen's compensation.

Nicholas Klein, in a letter to the Council, urged that the members of the Council and its affiliated crafts, send as many men as possible to parade in the laying of the corner-stone of the new Court House, on Friday, which was received and concurred in, but in order for a man to participate he would be compelled to lose a day's work, so the chances are that the attendance will be small.

The report of Business Agent Hock was read and adopted. All trades reported business good.

Business Agent Fred Hock was elected a delegate to the Ohio State Building Trades Council, to convene in Mansfield, October 6 and 7.

Business Agents Hock and Anderson reported that they had called on Geo. Puchta, Republican candidate for mayor, to learn from him how he stood on union labor, and asked him, if he was elected, would they have as much trouble as they have had in the past, and that Mr. Puchta replied "that union labor would have nothing to complain of if he was elected." He also stated that his trouble with the teamsters were not of his making and that he had no objections to his employees joining the union; the men who caused the trouble at the time of the teamsters' strike are no longer in his employ, and the new ones have never spoken to him on the subject; this matter is up to the teamsters' union to get them to join, as it is immaterial to him.

Upon the motion of Business Agent Hock, James Albert Green, chairman of the Hamilton County Court House Commission, was elected an honorary member of the Council; the same was seconded and unanimously adopted. Mr. Hock was authorized to send the following letter and a working card to Mr. Green:

"October 1, 1915.

"James Albert Green, President Court House Commission, Cincinnati, O.:

"Dear Sir—In appreciation of the interest you have taken in our behalf, I am pleased to notify you that the Building Trades Council of Cincinnati and vicinity, last night, elected you an honorary member of the Council. Enclosed please find a working card of the next quarter.

"Hoping this meets with your approval, I am, Yours respectfully,

"Secretary."

BUILDING PERMITS

Residence—Warren ave. Architect, G. C. Burroughs, Union Trust Bldg. Owner, F. B. Stranz, 332 Thrall ave.

Residence—330 Dixmyth ave. Owner, Jos. Haekl, 328 Dixmyth ave.

Factory Addition—Spring Grove ave. Architects, Stegner & Hughes, Commercial Tribune Bldg. Owner, Huenefeld Co., C. E. Pfau, secretary, Spring Grove and Straight sts.; \$100,000.

Church—Erie ave. and Shady lane. Owner, St. Mary's R. C. Church, Rev. J. P. Hynes, on premises; \$60,000.

Old Folks' Home—Lafayette Circle. Architect, G. W. Drach, Union Trust Bldg. Owner, Bethesda Hospital of German Meth. Deaconess Home, Louise Golder, superintendent, Oak and Reading road; \$50,000.

Garage and Office Building—Gilbert and Florence aves. Owner, White Motor Car Co., Howard Fenker, mgr., 2417 Gilbert ave.; \$15,000.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. SPENCER,

Secretary-Treasurer B. T. D.



HON. RICHARD B. WITT

Employer of Organized Labor—Republican Candidate for Re-Election as City Treasurer.

Richard B. (Dick) Witt is one of the most popular men in the Queen City. He is well and favorably known from one end of the town to the other; almost anybody will tell you that "Dick is a good fellow." But it is not on that line that Mr. Witt deserves most of his credit. First of all with trades unionists, he employs nothing but union labor; next, which interests every citizen, he has made the best City Treasurer Cincinnati has ever had. The motto of his administration is "Let Nobody Wait," and that kind and courteous treatment and prompt attention he accorded alike to the merchant, banker or laborer.

As to the efficiency of his office, the following figures will demonstrate it better than anything else, notwithstanding that he has one more employee than the previous administration:

Earnings of the Department—Interest on Deposits—	
Under previous administration (1912)	\$183,084.59
" " (1913)	189,164.47
Under present administration (1914)	216,097.92
Being \$26,933.45 more than the best year under the previous administration.	
Office Expenses—	
Under previous administration (1912)	\$18,083.16
" " (1913)	17,686.88
Under present administration (1914)	17,631.64

Expenses of the department being less than any year of the previous administration.

Rate of interest under contracts let by Mr. Witt 2.75%

Rate of interest under contracts let preceding two years 2.61%

Why not vote for "Dick"?

TEN THOUSAND ORGANIZED.

Bridgeport, Conn.—American Federation of Labor organizers, James E. Roach and Mrs. Mary Sculley, have succeeded in organizing 10,000 men and women into the various unions formed. For days they were constantly on the go, attending meetings and conferences with committees of strikers. In response to an urgent appeal from New Haven, they extended their work to that city, and during a brief stay organized additional unions, bringing the total up to the number named. Their activities are being continued and a further increase is expected.

JOBS IN EUROPE

Are Offered to Cincinnati Men, Says Doyle.

John Doyle, business agent of the Machinists' Union in this city, said Wednesday that agents of European munition factories have been in Cincinnati, asking machinists to take positions in the East and in England and France. "Some of the local men have signed up and will leave the city," he said. "Should there be strikes here this number will be augmented. Increased wages are also offered as an inducement to get skilled workmen to go to Europe."

"Efficiency, Honesty and Economy To Be Our Watchword."

Republican City Platform Adopted by Candidates and Committee—Present Administration Commended for Conduct of Affairs—Pledged to Supply Equitable Solution of Civic Problems.

The Hamilton County Republican Executive Committee met Wednesday with George Puchta, Republican candidate for mayor, and many other candidates on the Republican city ticket for the coming election and approved the platform presented by the Platform Committee. This committee consisted of George Puchta, Louis J. Dauner, candidate for president of Council, and Charles A. Groom, candidate for city solicitor, representing the nominees, and W. C. Procter, Louis Rauh, E. W. Edwards, John R. Holmes, August Kirbert and C. F. Hornberger for the Executive Committee. Mr. Hornberger is chairman of the Campaign Committee. Following is the platform:

The Republican party, through its municipal candidates, appealing to the electorate of Cincinnati for support at the election to be held Tuesday, November 2, 1915, makes the following declaration of principle and policies:

We have an abiding faith in Cincinnati and shall strive for a united and harmonious co-operation of our citizenry for the promotion of the happiness, contentment and prosperity of the whole community.

We hold that party control in municipal affairs is the first step toward party control in national affairs and that the only hope of the nation is in the Republican party; that the return of the Republican party to power will restore permanent industrial activity and material prosperity and that the people will welcome a sound constructive government in the hands of sane and experienced men.

We give unqualified approval to the present reorganization of the Republican party in Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and stand for party organization and for party responsibility for the acts and conduct of public officials.

We commend the present Republican city administration for its wise, honest and economical conduct of municipal affairs, and congratulate it on the practical results attained in the face of a depleted treasury and an inadequate income.

We solemnly declare "Public office to be a public trust" and promise that with our election, efficiency, honesty and economy shall be watchwords in the performance of our official duties, to the end that the people shall always receive a full dollar's worth of value for each and every dollar expended.

We advocate a policy of progressive activity in the matter of municipal playgrounds, parks, improved thoroughfares, clean streets and public improvements for the benefit of the entire city, always consistent with its revenues and resources.

We insist on a rigid enforcement of all municipal contracts and franchises.

We pledge our best efforts toward an equitable solution of street railway and public lighting problems, aiming for a downward revision of fares and rates, ever having a due regard for the rights, convenience and comfort of the public, and a fair and reasonable return on legitimate investment economically managed and operated.

We recognize that rapid transit and interurban entrance and terminals are essential to the growth and progress of our city and of vital importance to all our citizens, and we pledge ourselves to bend all our energies to work out these problems so as to bring the greatest benefits to the greatest number of people and localities.

Ohio State Federation of Labor

To Fight Taggart's Liability Insurance Ruling—His Action Means the Destruction of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Columbus, O., September 28.—Determination on the part of the State Federation of Labor to contest the ruling of State Insurance Commissioner Frank Taggart permitting liability and casualty insurance companies to write policies for employers in competition with the State fund was assured today when President John Voll announced that Judge George B. Okey and former Attorney-General Timothy S. Hogan had been employed to take part in the legal proceedings proposed by the Industrial Commission. This body by resolution has requested Attorney-General Edward C. Turner to bring a test suit in the Supreme Court to determine whether Superintendent Taggart is right in his interpretation of the law.

"We can see the grip the liability insurance interests are getting on Ohio under the present administration, and unless we can head them off the workmen's compensation law, which is the best act of the kind in the land, will be destroyed," said President Voll. "Both workmen and employers of Ohio want this law to stand, and they have urged Governor Willis to protect it. The law was given a severe blow when Insurance Superintendent Taggart ruled that these liability companies could come into Ohio and compete with the State in its compensation work."

Thomas J. Donnelly, Secretary of the Ohio Federation of Labor, last Thursday said: "State Insurance Commissioner Taggart, having ignored the protests of the Ohio State Federation of Labor and the Industrial Commission and granted licenses to liability insurance companies to write workmen's compensation in competition with the State, the Ohio State Federation of Labor has been preparing to take this matter to the Supreme Court."

"Some time ago the Federation asked Attorney-General Turner if he was in accord with the decision rendered by Insurance Commissioner Taggart and if the Federation could expect his co-operation in a suit to test the correctness of this decision."

"Attorney-General Turner has written the Federation this week to the effect that he is now ready to take this case to the Supreme Court of Ohio."

"The Federation has, therefore, retained Judge George B. Okey, who represented the Federation in the first suit on the constitutionality of the workmen's compensation law before the Supreme Court in 1911. Also representing the Federation will be Timothy S. Hogan, ex-Attorney General, who was the Federation's attorney during the last session of the Legislature."

SEEK TO RELEASE LAWSON.

Denver, Col.—Attorney Horace Hawkins and Edward P. Costigan, representing John R. Lawson, filed a brief before the Supreme Court of Colorado, at the reconvening of that body Monday last, requesting his release from jail on bond.

Attorneys for the state, in their brief, contest the release on bail, claiming it to be a capital case and not bailable. To this argument the attorneys for Lawson cite that capital cases are only those in which death is the punishment and Lawson's sentence being for imprisonment clearly places it within the court's judgment to allow freedom on bond.

SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

San Francisco.—The convention of National Federation of Post-office Clerks which has just concluded its work in this city was the most successful ever convened. The following officers were elected: President, Arthur L. Honeywell, Davenport, Iowa; first vice-president, Maurice M. Simon, Philadelphia, Pa.; second vice-president, G. E. Hyatt, Minneapolis, Minn.; third vice-president, Luther S. Butler, Columbus, Ga.; and secretary-treasurer, Thos. F. Flaherty, San Francisco, Cal. With the exception of the last named, all are new officers.